

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

Information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 09/18/2008 has been considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 13 and 16-22 are allowed.

The following notice of allowance is in response to the Supplemental Amendment received on 02/02/2010

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Regarding independent claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 13, 16 and 17, prior art of record fails to show or reasonably suggest:

Checking individual frames to determine if respective reference frames been transmitted for each of the individual frames, and when the respective reference frames have not been transmitted, transmit for each of those respective reference frames a substitute I frame, which occurs within the transmission unit/step of a video distribution system. Which is captured in the claims as:

“.. the transmission unit **checks each of a plurality of frames to determine whether a reference frame for each of the plurality of frames to be transmitted** after resuming transmission of the video data **has been transmitted or not**, and if the reference frame has not been transmitted, **transmits the substitute I frame data to the reception terminal for each of the plurality of frames for which the reference frame has not been transmitted** before resuming transmission of the video data.

In consideration with the claims taken as a whole.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES LEIJA whose telephone number is (571)270-5249. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 730 am to 5pm est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ANDREW Y. KOENIG can be reached on (571) 272-7296. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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